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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND U.S./EC
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1. FOLLOWING POSTPONEMENT OF FEB 14 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING (REFTEL), EMBOFF CONTACTED FONOFF EC POL INTEGRATION CHIEF AND INQUIRED CONCERNING U.S./EC DECLARATION MEETING AND REGARDING GERMAN PLAN TO PROVIDE US WITH EC DRAFT TEXT.

2. FONOFF REP SAID NO NEW DATE FOR EC FONMIN MEETING IS YET FIXED BUT THAT APPROVAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IS NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED FOR HANDING USG THE EC DRAFT TEXT. PLAN WAS FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS, FOLLOWING WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND ON MARGINS OF FONMIN MEETING, TO APPROVE REMAINING OPEN PARAGRAPH IN TEXT--I.E., THE ONE ON RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY. SHOULD THE FRENCH GO ALONG WITH ONE OF A FEW POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS FOR THIS PARA, THEN TEXT COULD BE FINALIZED BY EC-9 CABLE SYSTEM, AND WITHOUT FURTHER MEETING. TEXT WOULD THEN BE GIVEN TO EMBASSY ASAP--PERHAPS FEB 18 OR 19.

3. GIVEN CURRENT EC SITUATION AND ACERBIC COMMENTS BY HELMUT SCHMIDT IN WASHINGTON ON STATE OF EC AND NEGATIVE ROLE OF FRANCE, FONOFF REP ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRANCE ALSO MAY TAKE NEGATIVE POSITION ON ENERGY PARA OR OTHERWISE CONCERNING U.S./EC MEETING AND DECLARATION. GERMAN HOPE IS THAT DECLARATION EXERCISE CAN BE OPERATIONALLY SEPARATED FROM ENERGY CONFERENCE DISPUTE AND THAT FEB 27 TIMETABLE CAN BE MAINTAINED.

4. ONCE SCHEEL AND FRG ENERGY CONFERENCE DEL RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, GERMANS PLAN TO CONTACT OTHER EC-9 POL DIRECTORS ON U.S./EC DECLARATION. FONOFF REP SAID BONN WOULD DO ITS BEST TO KEEP THE DECLARATION EXERCISE ON THE TRACKS AND ASKED FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED EMBOFF'S POINT THAT U.S. REPS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TEXT ASAP BEFORE U.S./EC MEETING.
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